

# Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials

The Board of the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library has delegated the responsibility for selection and evaluation of library resources to the collection development committee, and has established reconsideration procedures to address concerns about those resources. Completion of this form is the first step in those procedures. If you wish to request reconsideration of library resources, please return the completed form to the Library Director, Hamilton-Wenham Public Library, 14 Union St., So. Hamilton, MA 01982.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

4.16.12

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Do you represent self? ☒ Organization? ☐

1. Resource on which you are commenting:

☐ Book ☐ Textbook ☒ Video <sup>DVD</sup> ☐ Display

☐ Magazine ☐ Library Program ☐ Audio Recording

☐ Newspaper ☐ Electronic information/network (please specify)

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Title American Psycho

Author/Producer \_\_\_\_\_

2. What brought this resource to your attention? My eyes
3. Have you examined the entire resource? No, I would not be able to stomach it
4. What concerns you about the resource? (use other side or additional pages if necessary) although I have not watched the item over
5. Are there resource(s) you suggest to provide additional information and/or other viewpoints on this topic? If you watch it, I think you would agree with me. Frankly I'm appalled that you would even want it in the library.

in question which I consider not having any redeeming social value, about 10 years ago, I read a paragraph review of the book in "Time" magazine which made me ill to my stomach. You may have the book also but the DVD seems so terribly accessible to children.

At the very least if you feel you must carry this type of material, I believe you should keep on an adult request only type of shelf.

5/17/12

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The trustees met last week,  
reviewed your form and are taking  
the matter under careful advisement.  
They will discuss it at their  
June meeting. Let me know if  
you have any questions.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Jen

Hamilton -Wenham Public Library  
Minutes of the Board of Trustees  
Thursday, June 28, 2012 at 5:00 PM

Present: Doris Gallant, Annette Janes, Madelyn Liberti, Janice Pappas, Margaret Whittaker  
and Director Jan Dempsey. Absent: Jean Buckley  
Minutes for May 14, 2012 were accepted.

*Financial Report:*

Sign Warrants – during meeting  
Status of current budget is tight. See attached for more information.  
Transfers will be made within operational budget.  
Trust funds and Joint Gifts will cover shortage.  
Status of FY 13 Budget; both Hamilton & Wenham passed the budget.

*Library Director's Report*

Personnel: Kate Jovin left; she moved to Ohio. Genevieve Kelley resigned for personal reasons. Currently Jan is interviewing for new pages. Rob Pondelli accepted the Professional Library Generalist Position and will start in July (\$40,000).  
Circulation: Highest for the month of June in 10 years.  
Building: Septic system pumped successfully. Carpet cleaning continues despite problems with the machine. The cyclids are now in the fish tank.  
Programs: N.S Christian Homeschoolers will be using the parking lot for the B. U. Mobile Science Lab on 10/10/12 and 3/21/13. Art Grows Here will place a display on the library lawn in July. The trophies from the H.W. Quiz team are on display upstairs in YA area. The library field trip is filled. See attached for more programs.  
Grant: How Green is my Library? Paid for the Vic & Sticks Recycled Rhythm Band to kick off summer reading program. Grant money was used to fund an ad about the Library in the Hot Mikado program brochure.  
Donations: William Shaw donated \$200 in memory of Ann Mulry Shaw. Betty Ann Lee donated \$25 with thanks for help with a genealogy question. Paula Shorts donated \$100 as a guilt offering.  
Friends: See attached for names of new officers of the Friends. Ruth Collins is the President and Stacey Verge is the Vice President. June -- Kids Book Sale netted \$717.75

New Business:

→ Discussion on Materials reconsideration issue: American Psycho-7 mvlc libraries own, 4 noble libraries own, our copy 16 circulations. Reviews: dark, violent, controversial views of 90's, cult classic. ALA Bill of Rights. "... after careful consideration the Trustees have decided to take no action ...".

Update on Meeting Room HW Cable TV  
Open Meeting Law and Ethics Test- get to Jan.

Agenda items for next meeting:

Sign warrants & Trustee Positions  
Next Regular Meeting is September 13, 2012 at 5:00 PM  
No meeting in July and August  
Meeting adjourned 6:15 PM

Respectfully submitted  
Doris L. Gallant